1	2	3	4
Satellite Earth Stations at Shillong (Meghalaya) Aizawal (Mizoram)	14.52	8.24	3.5
Satellite Videophones	1.65	0.64	0.40
Cable Headends—160 no. 20 in each NE state viz. Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh	7.15	7.15	—
TOTAL	45.02	27.60	11.65

Conditional Access System for four metropolitan Cities

3954. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Conditional Access System has been made compulsory for four metropolitan cities with effect from July, 2003;

(b) whether Government have fixed the subscription to be charged by cable operators;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is likely to be the price of set top boxes and how it is proposed to be collected from the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 4A of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1955, the Central Government has notified 15th January, 2003 as the date within six months from which, it shall be obligatory for every cable operator to transmit/re-transit programmes of every pay channel through an addressable system in the four metro cities, namely Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi.

(b) and (c) Government has fixed the monthly subscription for basic service tier of free-to-air channels and this is to be notified shortly.

(d) The price of Set-Top-Boxes will be driven by market forces. Different business models are likely to emerge in the market in order to make the same available to the subscribers. Initially, the demand is likely to be met by imports till indigenous production capacity is installed. It is expected that prices would fall with increase in volumes.